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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING
RESOURCE NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: CANBERRA 4485

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES REPORT OF PRELIMINARY GOA
THOUGHTS ON ANTARCTIC MARINE LIVING RESOURCE NEGOTIATIONS
SCHEDULED FOR MID-JULY IN BUENOS AIRES.

2. WE WOULD WELCOME BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH GOA ON
BUENOS AIRES MEETING AND ALSO PREFER THEIR BEING HELD IN
WASHINGTON. U.S.-AUSTRALIAN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE
CANBERRA SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING PROVED TO BE EX-
TREMELY USEFUL, AND WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS PRIOR
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TO BUENOS AIRES WOULD BE EQUALLY VALUABLE. IN FACT, IN
CANBERRA THE TWO SIDES COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO MAINTAINING
REGULAR AND CLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON ANTARCTIC ISSUES, A
COMMITMENT THAT WAS REAFFIRMED AT RECENT ANZUS COUNCIL
MEETING.

3. WITH REGARD TO SUBSTANCE OF CONSULTATIONS, WE WOULD

EXPECT TO CONSIDER FULL RANGE OF ISSUES IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION AS WELL AS QUESTION OF POSSIBLE INTERIM MEASURES.

WE BELIEVE THAT DRAFT CONVENTION SHOULD HAVE FIRST PRIORITY. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE CONCERNED AT VIEW EXPRESSED BY TIMMINS THAT GOA SEES CONSIDERABLE ROOM FOR SHIFTS AND CHANGES. IT HAD BEEN IMPRESSION THAT U.S. AND GOA SHARED VIEW THAT DRAFT WAS A GOOD ONE AND THAT EMPHASIS IN BUENOS AIRES SHOULD BE MORE UPON RESISTING MAJOR CHANGES IN IT THAN UPON SEEKING MAJOR REVISIONS.

4. WITH ABOVE IN MIND, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM DFA THAT:

-- U.S. PLACES HIGH IMPORTANCE ON CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH GAO ON ANTARCTIC MATTERS;

-- U.S. BELIEVED THAT CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO CANBERRA SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING (HEADED BY AMBASSADORS BREWSTER AND ROWLAND ON EACH SIDE) WERE EXTREMELY VALUABLE;

-- WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH CONSULTATIONS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT BEFORE BUENOS AIRES MEETING AND WOULD BE GLAD TO HOLD THEM IN WASHINGTON THROUGH GOA EMBASSY; AND

-- WE WOULD REITERATE OUR VIEW THAT CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT IS A CONFIDENTIAL

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GOOD BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION AND WE HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON RETAINING ITS BASIC THRUST, AS WELL AS ON THE SEVERAL AREAS WHERE REVISIONS AND REFINEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

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